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For a Beet Sugar Plant.

The people of the United States import four-fifths of the sugar they consume, and over one hundred millions of dollars are sent to foreign countries every year to supply the deficiency. Oregon pays out about one million dollars a year for sugar, and her part in this general problem is to determine whether she can produce her own sugar and keep this money at home.

There is no state in the Union in which sugar beets can be raised as successfully as in Oregon. Our soil and our climate are peculiarly adapted to their cultivation, and every analysis that has been made shows that beets raised here make as large an average to the acre, with a greater percentage of purity and sugar in the juice than those raised elsewhere.

Organized effort is necessary. In Lincoln and Benton counties there are thousands of acres now uncultivated that are well adapted to sugar beet raising, and they will be grown when there is any certainty of disposing of them. There was strong talk and some promises made to establish a sugar plant on Yaquina bay some years ago but the free sugar tariff knocked the enterprise in the head. Now that the conditions have changed let us renew this beet root sugar question and see if a sugar plant can be established in Benton or Lincoln county. We are well situated to have one, as transportation to the refinery at San Francisco is both easy and cheap. There ought to be a move made in the matter. Who will make it?

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Governor Rogers, the populist governor of the state of Washington says that mortgages on farms will not be paid off, and that when a mortgage is once placed on a farm it sticks there until it takes the farm. Now, with due respect to the intelligence that the governor should have, we want to say for our country that they are being paid off here rapidly; so fast that money lenders don't know what to do with the money that is now accumulating on their hands.

It is significant, when two such widely separated agencies as the Orange Judd syndicate of American agricultural papers and the Hungarian ministry of agriculture agree in reporting European deficits, not only in wheat, but in rye, barley, and oats, greater than have been known before since the famine year of 1891. If these reports shall prove true, this is likely to be the most profitable season American agriculture has ever known. The wheat crop is not so large as in 1891, but it probably is large enough to supply all the demand for wheatear bread at the high prices that will rule this year.—Oregonian.

To serve one's country in any capacity is unquestionably an honorable thing; but to be a persistent and everlasting office hunter is not an honorable thing, nor are their methods usually honorable. In this state as in every other state in the Union, there are hundreds of men who have no other occupation but office hunting. In the selection of men who have the distribution of state or federal patronage, fitness is entirely lost sight of. A man must be elected with whom the office hunters have a pull. More than once in this state a good man has been defeated and an inferior one elected because the latter could be counted on to stand in with the boys. The scramble which has been going on in Portland for a couple of weeks past, is, we believe, without precedent in this state, and for the credit of the republican party it is hoped that it may be unique in the party history. The best men to fill these offices and, with few exceptions, the most deserving, are never heard of, but the persistent pusher is always on hand, and the rule is that the best men are not always nor often appointed. It is utterly useless and foolish to talk about it though, for there is only one means to get rid of the chronic office seeker, it is provided by nature, and is called death. Let us hope that better a new crop matures civil service or some other effective procedure may kill the industry for good.

What a Fate! A prominent man who followed John H. Mitchell out of the republican party last year on the silver question, but, unlike him, was consistent enough to stay out, related his silver experience to us the other day. Said he: "I was always a staunch republican, and I had unbounded faith in the judgment of Senator Mitchell. So without seeking very deeply for reasons, I followed what he said in his speeches, and felt confident he knew what he was about. I became a free silver man in 1890, and believed I was right. In the state election in June '96 we talked it freely as good enough republicanism, because all of our delegation in congress were republicans, and all of them but one were pronounced free silver men. When the national convention met, adopted the gold standard and repudiated silver, I thought of course they were wrong and that Wall street had controlled the convention, but I firmly believed that our free silver delegation in congress with Mitchell at their head, would stick to their text and that Oregon would be thus carried for free silver. You can imagine how bitterly I felt towards them when they went square back on this record and left me in the populist camp. Now I am out of politics forever. I see that free silver is a humbug and I seem to have lost faith in everybody."

It Will Last.

It is amusing to see the lugubrious face a populist puts on now days when you ask him his opinion of the situation. His old stock of arguments are entirely exploded and useless, and the laity of the party are incapable of manufacturing new ones. So the best he can do now is to shake his head and say, "Yes, times are better, but McKinley didn't do it, and it won't last." But the election of McKinley prevented you from having to take a silver dollar worth only 40 cents, for a bushel of your dollar wheat, for which you are now, or have been and will be again, getting about \$1 in gold, worth 100 cents. You say it won't last, and you don't want it to, for you are politically dead if it does. But it will last, for prosperity has come to other sections of the country where they don't raise wheat, and it has come to stay. The East is a manufacturing district, every spindle is turning, and every furnace is heated. Men are getting better wages and employment is easier to get, and McKinley's election did do that. In the South it is the same. Old manufacturers are all starting up, and new ones are building. The iron business never was as active, and cotton is being mainly used in manufactures at home. So, that although the election of McKinley did not make the crop, nor bring about the price for it, it did secure the conditions under which we are enabled to take advantage of the favorable circumstances. They have good crops in Mexico and yet they are seriously threatened with bankruptcy, and Bryan's unholy scheme to pauperize our money would have placed us in the very same situation. Our big crops would not have saved us.

The Clondyke.

Late news from Alaska is not cheerful, nor encouraging for those who want to rush there at once, and the outlook for those who have gone there late is not very hopeful. Miners and others who are acquainted with the situation in the interior, are coming down to the coast before the streams and lakes are frozen over, when it will be next to impossible to get provisions in there. The stock of provisions now on hand there they fear will not be sufficient to feed those already there, and starvation seems staring them in the face. There seems to be no doubt but that misery, hardship, and even death is in store for many of those who ventured over the trail to the Clondyke so late in the season. And still vessels are taking up hundreds of passengers every trip. Warnings are useless to the man who has once acquired the craze for gold; his judgment is paralyzed, and they will continue to go even though they walk over the corpses of those who have gone before.

While the gamblers and speculators on the boards of trade in New York and Chicago are giving us the bull and bear act alternately on the wheat market, the farmers are going ahead harvesting their crops, and will get what they ask for it when the time comes to sell. Farmers need not lose any sleep over the wheat market this year.

LATEST TELEGRAPHIC.

A Summary of News From Thursday's Oregonian.

TERSE TICS FROM THE WIRES.

The Latest Occurrences and Present Phases of Engrossing Questions.

Gloomy Outlook for Clondykers.

San Francisco, Sept. 1.—The Bulletin has a letter from Charles Haines, dated Dawson City, July 16. Mr. Haines is a well-known newspaper writer, and his letter is the first written by a trained newspaper man to come out of the Klondike gold regions. He says: "The rich diggings have been comparatively idle during the summer, although the output from Eldorado and Bonanza creeks was enormous, and there is plenty of gold in sight. There is every prospect of an immense output of gold from the district next spring. The total output this season as near as I can judge is, about \$7,000,000, but very little ground has been worked and the dumps will, like some of the tailings of old California placers, pan out thousands of dollars when worked with improved machinery. The placers are the most puzzling and deceiving I have ever seen. Imagine a man working on good 'color' and finding the ground worth only a few dollars per day, and then turning to a waste of mud and moss, with no surface indications, and unearthing a bonanza. That is the situation here and all over Alaska.

"Dawson is merely a collection of log huts, saloons, and a mass of tents, about 600 in number. When the long nights come and the glass goes down to 65 degrees below zero, there will be intense suffering here, and I shudder to think of the results. Provisions are going to be very scarce, and there is very little doubt that the entire town will have to go on short rations during the winter, and that scurvy will be rampant. The man who comes here to mine does so at the expense of health and happiness, and it is with him a question of making a fortune quickly or taking chances with death."

Silver's New Record.

New York Sept. 1.—Bar silver made a new record in this market today. The quoted price was 51 1/2 cents an ounce, one quarter of a cent below the previous low record. At today's price of silver bullion the value of the silver in the standard silver dollar is 39.62 cents.

The secretary of the department of agriculture estimates that the farmers of this country will receive for their surplus products this year about \$500,000,000.

Some Oregon members of the A. O. U. W. do not believe in the classified assessment plan adopted at the last meeting of the grand lodge, and an opposition movement has been organized to test the question in the courts.

The outlook for Oregon products continues brilliant. Wheat is steadily moving up, and the demand for it is sharp. Wool, hides, leather, hops, hay, beans, potatoes, provisions, dried fruit, live-stock, and, in fact, almost all the products of the farm, are selling well at living prices. This has led to an improved feeling in country real estate.—Rural Spirit.

Farmers need not be alarmed because wheat goes up one day and down the next in the Eastern boards of trade. They don't see wheat there; it is nothing but gambling in wheat for future delivery, and has little to do with present prices. The actual condition of the wheat market is, that the world's crop is short, and this country is the only place on earth where they will have a surplus.

The democrats of Pennsylvania had a hot time at their convention lately. The free silver wing carried everything their way. They ousted Mr. Harrity as member of the national committee and endorsed free silver and the Chicago platform, and congratulated "W. J. Bryan for his glorious championship of a righteous cause." There is no use in talking otherwise, the democratic name will stick to the Chicago platform, and populism will finally flounder in there to stay.

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The Portland's Gold.

The following is a list of the miners returning from the Yukon on the steamer Portland, and the amount of their clean-ups:

- J. Rowan \$50,000
Jim Bell 45,000
Joe Goldsmith 35,000
N. W. Powers 35,000
W. W. Caldwell 30,000
Win Oler 30,000
C. K. Zilly 25,000
F. W. Cobb 25,000
W. Zahn 15,000
G. S. Lansing 15,000
A. Buckley 10,000
B. Farnham 10,000
M. R. Gowier 5,000

It has been stated that the North American Trading and Transportation Company brought \$750,000 from their various stores and trading posts along the Yukon, but this cannot be verified. It was generally understood that the company would not bring out its money until the next trip of the Portland, and then she would be conveyed by a United States revenue cutter detailed by the treasury department.

Meeting of Regents.

Messrs. Hughes, Apperson, Yates and Hiliary, the executive committee of the board of regents, met at the O. A. C. yesterday, and transacted the following business: T. H. Crawford, of Portland, was elected clerk, at a salary of \$1,000 a year; Henry H. Veach, librarian; Geo. Crondike, mail carrier; Clyde Phillips, blacksmith; Ellsworth Irvine, janitor; Mr. Smith, farm foreman, had his wages raised from \$40 to \$45 a month; Mr. Hamilton, assistant horticulturist, wages raised from \$40 to \$45 a month; Bertha Ellis was placed in charge of the vocal department. The president of the college was authorized to make an exhibit at the state fair.

Oregon Conference.

Following is the program of the Oregon Conference of the M. E. Church to be held in Corvallis September 8th to 14th:

- WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 8.—Evening Session.
THURSDAY, 9th.—
9 a. m.: Opening of the 45th annual session by Bishop Cyrus D. Foss, D. D., LL. D.
2 p. m.: Statistical Session.
3:30 p. m.: Semi-Centennial Sermon, by N. Deane, D. D.
7:30 p. m.: Missionary Anniversary Address, by W. T. Smith, D. D., Missionary Secretary.
FRIDAY, 10th.—
8:30 a. m.: Devotional Service.
9 a. m.: Conference.
2:30 p. m.: Anniversary of W. F. M. S.
7:30 p. m.: Epworth Rally, Address by C. E. Locke, D. D., W. K. Beans, D. D., F. L. Moore.
SATURDAY, 11th.—
8:30 a. m.: Devotional Service.
9 a. m.: Conference.
2:30 p. m.: Anniversary of W. H. M. S.
7:30 p. m.: Educational Rally, Address by Bishop Foss, G. M. Irwin, D. D.
SUNDAY, 12th.—
9:30 a. m.: Conference Love-Feast, conducted by W. J. Gardner.
10:30 a. m.: Preaching by the Bishop.
3 p. m.: Ordination Service.
7:30 p. m.: Missionary Sermon, by H. Rasmus, D. D.
MONDAY, 13th.—
8:30 a. m.: Devotional Service.
9 a. m.: Conference.
ADJOURNMENT.

To Farmers.

During the coming year we will exchange 40 pounds of flour for one bushel of wheat. This applies only to farmers who sell to or store their grain with us. We are also buying oats, or we will ship them for farmers and no commission will be charged. BENTON FLOURING MILLS CO.

Notice to Creditors.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned has been duly appointed Administratrix of the Estate of James L. Eglin, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Benton County. All persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby notified to present the same to me at the office of W. S. McFadden in the City of Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon, within six months from this date, verified as by law required. Dated September 1st, 1897. EFA EGLIN, Administratrix of the Estate of James L. Eglin, Deceased.

Administrator's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that W. A. Jolly has been appointed by the County Court of Benton County, Oregon, Administrator of the estate of George M. Porter, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified as by law required, at the office of Yates & Yates, Corvallis, Oregon, within six months from this date. W. A. JOLLY, Administrator. Dated, August 29, 1897.

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Corvallis Lodge Directory.

- CORVALLIS LODGE, No. 14, A. F. & A. M., meets first and third Wednesday of each month, in Masonic hall, Fisher brick.
FERGUSON CHAPTER, No. 5, R. A. M., meets second Wednesday in each month, Masonic hall.
OREGON COUNCIL, No. 2, R. & S. M., meets fourth Wednesday in each month, Masonic hall.
ST. MARY'S CHAPTER, No. 9, O. E. S., meets every Friday before full moon, Masonic hall.
BARNUM LODGE, No. 7, I. O. O. F., meets every Tuesday evening in I. O. O. F. hall, Farra & Allen brick.
QUI VIVE ENCAMPMENT, No. 26, meets first and third Fridays of each month in I. O. O. F. hall.
ALPHA REBEKA LODGE, No. 34, meets second and fourth Fridays of each month in I. O. O. F. hall.
FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 14, A. O. U. W., meets first and third Thursday of each month, in I. O. O. F. hall.
MAOMI LODGE, No. 28, D. of H., meets second and fourth Thursday of each month in I. O. O. F. hall.
CORVALLIS TENT, No. 11, K. O. T. M., meets second and fourth Wednesday of each month in I. O. O. F. hall.
CORVALLIS HIVE, No. 3, L. O. T. M., meets first and third Wednesdays of each month in I. O. O. F. hall.
VALLEY LODGE, No. 1, K. of P., meets every Monday night in Burnett's hall, over J. H. Harris' store, Burnett block.
MARYS PEAK CAMP, No. 120, W. O. M. W., meets second and fourth Fridays of each month in Burnett's hall.
MARYS PEAK CIRCLE, No. 14, meets first and third Fridays of each month in Burnett's hall.
ELLSWORTH POST, No. 19, G. A. R., meets first and third Saturdays of each month, in Burnett's hall.
ELLSWORTH RELIEF CORPS, No. 7, meets first and third Friday afternoon, in Burnett's hall.
UNITED ARTISANS, No. 23, meets second and fourth Thursdays of each month, in Burnett's hall.
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